

*Consecration to Jesus
through Mary*

Following the Plan of
St. Louis de Montfort

We are glad to present again this little but amazing book, which helps people to go deeper into the Marian slavery of love, by consecrating themselves to Jesus through Mary.

Mary is indeed the outpouring of God's most tender love for humanity, and thus, He placed in her the richness of His self.

All the saints praise Mary because no one can be a saint without praising and loving her. Moreover, "he who has not Mary for his Mother has not God for his Father", says St. Louis de Montfort.

Mary is then not an option. She is not just an accessory of our faith... she is essential, she cannot be put aside without destroying Christianity, without denying Jesus.

St. Louis Mary de Montfort was profoundly aware of this and dedicated his entire life to spread the Slavery to Mary, as the easiest, shortest and most perfect way of approaching Jesus.

Now, in this turbulent 21st century we need to go back to St. Louis' conviction and live it out fully. We hope then that this small book will be a moving call to this.

PART ONE

Emptying Self of the Spirit of the World

INTRODUCTION

When God created the whole world it was very good (Gen1:31). Unfortunately sin entered into the world and formed a spirit that hated Jesus and His disciples.

Jesus told his disciples, “if the world hates you, know that it hated me first” (Jn 15:18). He also said that they did “not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world.” Therefore, he prayed “Father I do not ask that you take them out of this world, but that you protect them from the Evil One.”

To empty yourself of the world you must learn its spirit, which has filled us all. This spirit is an enemy of Jesus’ gospel.

You will learn 12 truths:

1. Your Culture
2. The Two Worlds
3. The World’s Spirit

4. The World's Lust
5. The World's Hatred
6. The World's Lies
7. The World's Anxieties
8. The World's Condemnation
9. The World's Despair
10. The World's Disobedience
11. The World's Darkness
12. The World's Sadness

Day ONE

your Culture, The World's Spirit is Within you

You were born into a culture of your parents, siblings, extended family, and friends. This culture taught you a language and gave you values. You had a neighborhood culture and school culture. As you grew, you chose your own culture – where you would live, whom you would marry, what work you would do. You chose to belong to a church or stop going to church.

You listen to the radio, go to movies, watch television, and choose your friends. Every moment of your live you are immersed in the world's culture. This is extremely powerful and always exerting a force upon you.

That culture has entered you and deeply affects your thinking and choosing. You must see this world in God's light and be aware of its danger to your eternal salvation.

The Saints

You live according to role models that you experience. During your formative years, you observed your parents and siblings. Hopefully they were good role models. As you entered adolescence, many people entered your inner circle. During these 33 Days, you will meet very special models – the canonized saints. You will learn their stories and read their quotes. This is the easiest way to prepare for the consecration.

St. Anthony The hermit (251-356)

One Day after his parents died, St Anthony attended mass and read Jesus' words, "Go, sell all you have and come follow me" (Mk 10:21). He used his inheritance to help his younger sister. At 21, he left the city to live nearby in solitude. When thousands of others joined him, the monastic life began in the Church. Although the monastery is not for everyone, it does exemplify the Christian call to leave aside the world's culture.

St Louis DE Monforte Writes:

1. You are crusaders united to fight the world. Be valiant warriors who refuse to yield an inch.
2. You pass through this world as a visitor and pilgrim. Know the heaven is your homeland.
3. This earth cannot make us happy. There is no perfect calm in this stormy sea.

4. Whenever the world insults us, they are giving us jewels and setting us on a throne.
5. Divine Wisdom made copies of God's intellect and will, and infused these into man.

Recite the daily prayers.

Day Two

The Two Worlds

Why did St. Anthony leave his nice home? Why did St. Francis Xavier leave the University of Paris and go to India? Why did all the saints change their lives so much? Because God awakened them. They experienced another world known as the Kingdom of God. They saw the visible world and they saw Jesus' world. They set aside this world to share in Jesus' Kingdom. It is as simple as that.

What happened?

When God created the whole world, it was very good (Gen 1:31). Unfortunately, sin entered the world and contaminated the culture. When Jesus came, the world hated Him and He warned His disciples that the world would also hate them. The world's culture, which is an enemy to the Kingdom, lives in you and has power over you. So, you have to get rid of it.

What if someone gave you a beautiful set of furniture? To accept this great gift, you would first have to get rid of your old furniture. God offers you his new world, the Kingdom, and in these 33 Days, we are trying to get rid of the old furniture.

Saints

St. Ignatius of Loyola was a Spanish soldier who loved to dance with beautiful women. Getting wounded turned out to be a good fortune for him because during his recovery, he read about the life of Christ and the lives of the saints. He compared his two worlds – his life as a soldier with beautiful women and the peace he experienced at the thought of Christ’s Kingdom.

After regaining his health, he spent two years in solitude, experiencing God. He also wrote his 30- Day Spiritual Exercises, which has helped thousands experience God. His final meditation is on the Two Kingdoms. The retreatant is forced to make a choice – to turn back to the world or to move ahead into God’s Kingdom. After these 33 Days, you will make the same choice.

ST. LOUIS DE MONTFORT WRITES:

1. Right now, our loving savior has His eyes on you.
2. The little group Jesus speaks about prayer and penance. They encourage one another to leave the world behind.

3. If you are resolved to become friends of God, resolve to drink the cup that Jesus drank.
4. If you are not among those who accept His love, you are among the lost.

Recite the daily prayers.

Day Three

Understanding The World's Spirit

We talk of a “family spirit,” a “school spirit,” or a “spirit of the nation.” This “spirit” determines the way things get done, how people relate, and what gets accomplished. Really, the spirit of the world is always changing. Unfortunately, the American world has become a gigantic enemy of the gospel, filled with technology that totally invades our lives. This even makes it difficult for us to empty ourselves of the world’s culture because it is so powerful and so pervasive.

More Pervasive

Decades ago, the world consisted of the family, the neighborhood, the school and the church, which was all easy to control. Now, the world consists of televisions, iPods and the Internet. These influences grow every Day and enemies of the religious faith use them. The

Wisdom of St. Louis is needed more than ever. “Empty self of the spirit of the world.”

IS it A Problem?

Some people don't think that the world is a problem. However, examine your thoughts and feelings. Aren't you always caught up in what you have just read, or heard, or saw? Don't thousands of images flow through your mind? Most are worldly images, not devout ones. True Devotion places Mary's flame in your heart. However if all your windows are open to the world's wind, you won't have any flame left. So, get down to the serious work of emptying yourself of the world's spirit. As soon as Mary finds even any part of you emptied of the world, she fills you with heavenly fire.

ST. Francis of Assisi (1181-1226)

As Francis experience Jesus' Kingdom, he knew he had to leave his world of Assisi, where he had been the center of young people's gatherings, to live quietly outside the city. One rainy night, he slipped back in and looked through the window of a friend's house, where the usual party is being held. At that moment, Francis made his decision. He left the city, returned to his solitude and set aside the world of parties that he had so much enjoyed.

St. Louis DE Montfort Writes:

1. Fulfill your spiritual duties and you will find criticism and persecution without your seeking.
2. Through Adam's sin and our own sins, everything becomes debased, even the powers of our soul.
3. You have the complacency of Lucifer by imagining that you are somebody.
4. God is like a King, observing you from a mountain. You are his soldier fighting for Him in battle.

Recite the daily prayers.

Day four

The World's lust

Two Old Testament stories provide examples of lust and purity.

A Story Of Lust

One time, when the army went out to fight, King David stayed in Jerusalem. From his roof, he saw a beautiful woman bathing and discovered that she was Bathsheba, wife of Uriah, his general's armor bearer. David had everything, including his own wife. However, he lusted for this beautiful woman and had relations with her. Because she conceived, David had to have her husband killed. With that action, the sword became imbedded in David's family. His lust ruined everything (2 Sam 11).

A Story of Purity (genesis Ch. 63)

Most know the story of Joseph being sold into exile in Egypt by his brothers. Few know that when he

Arrived, he was purchased by Potiphar, the Pharaoh's chief steward and became the head of his household staff. Potiphar trusted Joseph fully. Unfortunately, his wife lusted for Joseph who was "strikingly handsome." When she attempted to seduce him, he said, "You are his wife. How could I commit such a great wrong and be condemned before God?" This act of purity prepared him for his greatness over all of Egypt. He was imprisoned, but when Pharaoh saw his great gift of prophecy, he made him "in charge of all Egypt" (41-45).

Mary's Teaching

The world exalts lust. It distributes contraceptives to the young and sees no harm in extra-marital affairs. Sexual pleasure has become the false god.

Mary is quite different. When the angel told Mary that she was invited to be the mother of God, she replied, "How can this be? I have no relations with a man." She prized her virginity. Only as the angel explained that the Holy Spirit would conceive the child, did she say, "Let it be done unto me."

ST. LOUIS DE Montfort Writes:

1. No creature, however pure, enters the sanctuary of Mary except by a great privilege.

2. Persevering in sanctity is extremely difficult because the world's corruption smears religious hearts.
3. True devotion is constant, giving the person courage to fight the world's opinions, the passions of the flesh, and the devil's temptations.
4. I prefer Mary's immaculate road, which is without sin, darkness, or shadows.
5. Pure water poured into an impure container suffers contamination. Therefore, we need Mary.

Recite the daily prayers.

Day five

The World's hatred

Although Jesus never harmed anyone, He had many enemies. When He went to Nazareth to preach in His hometown synagogue, the crowd grew angry and tried to kill Him. “They rose up and led Him to the edge of a hill intending to hurl Him down, but He passed through their midst” (Lk 4:30).

The world sees anger as a normal response. If someone hurts you, you strike back. However, Jesus teaches, “Forgive your enemies. Pray for those who hurt you.”

A Constant Problem

It is inevitable that people hurt us, sometimes with the best intentions. Others hurt us deliberately. How do we respond? We remember. We store up the hurt. We nourish it. We feel justified. We cannot get it out of our mind. Sometimes we retaliate.

The Reign of Christ

Jesus taught the best reason for forgiveness, “If you forgive others their faults, the heavenly Father will forgive yours” (Mt 6:14). That is a pretty good deal, considering how much we have hurt God. On the cross, Jesus said, “Father, forgive them” (Lk 23:34).

Our Lady

Mary was in the synagogue at Nazareth when they tried to kill Jesus. She was also at Calvary when the soldiers nailed Jesus to the cross. She heard the cruel remarks and the laughter, “if he is the Messiah, let him come down.” Experiencing all this, she forgave.

In the Consecration Prayer, we say” O Mary, I give you all my interior goods.” That includes all the hurts that we have suffered and all the memories we hold onto.

St. Louis DE Montfort Writes:

1. One barefoot and bloodied Christ leads a valiant group up a narrow road. Only a handful follows Him.
2. If you are resolved to become friends of God, resolve to drink the cup that Jesus drank.
3. As members of Christ, you must expect sufferings.

4. Christ the King looks with pleasure upon the person who struggles with the world and with his own temptations.

Recite the daily prayers.

Day Six

The World lies

In the Early Church, some disciples sold their property and gave the money to the apostles for the poor. This generosity was not demanded. It was a disciple's free choice. A man named Ananias and his wife Sapphine sold their property. They retained some of the money and gave the rest to Peter. However, they lied and said that this was the whole amount.

In speaking to Ananias, Peter said, "You have not lied to human beings but to God." Ananias dropped dead. Later his wife also lied. She too dropped dead. We do not know all the facts but this event deeply impressed a love for truth in the early Church (Acts 6:1-11).

Our Action's

We are never allowed to lie yet we do so often. We use words for our selfish benefit. Telling the truth always is quite difficult. Only slowly can we bend our minds and feelings to be totally honest.

Jesus and Truth

On the night before he died, Jesus stood on trial before the Jewish leaders. They could convict him of no crime because their witness did not agree. The high priest directly asked Jesus, “Are you the Messiah, the son of the Blessed One?” All Jesus needed to do was to be silent. He would be free. He used this moment to testify to the truth, “I am,” he said (Mk 14:61-62). The next Day, Pilate wanted to release Jesus. When Jesus said, “I have come to testify to the truth.” Pilate walked away asking, “What is truth?” (Jn 18:37-38)

Using your Tongue for Truth

St. James writes, “If anyone does not sin with the tongue, he is a perfect man.” He uses two clear examples. To guide a horse, we put a bridle in his mouth. Also, a small rudder gives direction to a gigantic ship. He concludes, “The tongue is a small member of the body but it has great power” (James 3:1-5).

ST. LOUIS DE Montfort Writes:

1. The world uses the sayings of Jesus to endorse the world’s wisdom.
2. Truth is the Word of God throughout time and eternity. He never stops speaking.
3. Happy the person to whom the Holy Spirit reveals the truth of Mary.

4. Mary is like Noah's Ark, bringing her followers safely through the flood waters of sin that ruins many.
5. Mary sends angels as messengers.

Recite the daily prayers

Day Seven

The World's Anxieties

Anxiety

Our lives are filled with anxiety. In our modern world, nothing is stable. Highly trained people have no jobs. Marriages break up. Children grow up and disappoint their parents. No one can claim financial security. Sickness intrudes. Death comes to a spouse. Fears have so many causes. The bible uses the word “fear” 454 times and “afraid” 103 times. Anxiety is a gigantic problem, even in Scripture.

Sources Of fears

We worry for two reasons. First, we have human needs that must be met every Day. Secondly, we live on earth where everything can change. What was secure yesterDay is not secure toDay. When Jesus walked on the water to help the apostles, He said, “Do not be afraid. It is I” (Mt 14:27). When he appeared to the disciples after the Resurrection, He again had to say,

“Why are you troubled? See my hand and my feet, that it is I myself.” When Jesus comes, He calms us.

TWO kinds Of Peace

After the Last Supper, Jesus said, “Peace, I leave you. My peace I give you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you.” Jesus speaks of two kinds of peace, his and the world’s. The difference is this: Jesus’ peace lasts Day after Day; the world’s peace quickly fades. When a person has money and position, he can claim, “I have it made.” He overlooks two things. First, his life will always change. Time marches on. Secondly, external goods do not satisfy. They give only the world’s peace. The human heart searches for the infinite, lasting peace that only Jesus gives.

Canal

The poor couple at their wedding was growing anxious. They had too many guests and not enough wine. Mary took care of the problem. At her request, Jesus quietly made some wine. The headwaiter remarked to the groom, “You have saved the best wine until now” (Jn 2:10). Even the groom was surprised. Learn to say, “Mary, I surrender myself to you, as Jesus did. Take care of everything.”

Saints Say

St. Faustina wrote, “I only grow anxious when I think of the future. When I live in God’s present, I am at peace.”

ST Louis DE Montfort Writes:

1. Without my mother, I would be lost.
2. By saying the Hail Mary, hardened sinners gain a spark of confidence.
3. Mary is the safe path and a direct road to find Jesus.
4. Knowing their need for her help, souls will go to Mary.
5. Mary’s followers live without worry.

Recite the daily prayers.

Day Eight

The World's condemnation

The unforgiving World

A rich man called in a debtor who owed him a gigantic sum. Out of mercy, he forgave the man.

That man, however, refused to forgive another person with a much smaller debt (Mt 18:21-35). That is how the world acts. It is tough and unforgiving. You have to measure up and pay for all of your mistakes.

When Jesus forgave sins and ate with sinners, the world criticized his compassion, but he didn't back off. Jesus said that he was a shepherd who seeks out the strayed sheep and a doctor who spent time with the sick people. He told a parable of a father who forgave his prodigal son and welcomed him back.

Always forgiveness

When we see people who are arrogant and mean to others, we ask, “Why does God let that go on?” We forget, however, that God wants to forgive the arrogant man, too. So he gives him time to change. We should do the same.

The World Accuses, Jesus forgives

When the men brought the adulterous woman to Jesus, they wanted a condemnation. Instead, it may be that Jesus wrote their own sins on the ground and they walked away. They, too, deserved condemnation. The woman was now alone with Jesus. “Does anyone now condemn you?” “No sir,” she answered. “Neither do I condemn you. Go and sin no more.” (Jn 8:11)

We all need forgiveness. At times, we have all failed. When the prodigal son asked only to be a servant, his father restored him completely as a son. Forgiveness is freely given. It cannot be bought. Forgiveness lets us start all over again with a clean slate. In the company of Mary, we forgive and are forgiven.

St. Louis DE Montfort Writes:

1. If we are afraid to go to Jesus, we can go to Mary who sends no one away, not even hardened sinners.

2. If you are a sinner with one foot in hell, I advise you to say the Rosary.
3. Invoking Mary is a sign that the soul is not dead.
4. Mary cleanses their sins and dresses them for God's glory.
5. Without mercy, judgment is without limit, relief, or end.

Recite the daily prayers.

Day Nine

The World's despair

Life on earth is very difficult. Even modern man, with all his conveniences, finds so much lacking. Suffering can come at any time and at many forms. The strength of youth quickly gives way to middle age. Victories are followed by defeats. Dreams are often destroyed, sometimes in a single moment. God never intended the world to be this difficult, but mankind changes earth through sin.

A moment arises when a person questions, “what is the purpose of my life?” The world’s answers offer little satisfaction and cannot save the person from hopelessness.

Always hope With God

After God rejected Cain’s sacrifice, he still offered him hope, “Why are you so despairing?” If you do well, you can hold up your head” (Gen 4:7). God offers hope to everyone, even those with gigantic problems.

The Secret Of hope

Despair results when a person cannot overcome his problems. Hope results when a person realizes God is helping him with his problems. We can always hope because God will change our circumstances and us.

When the alcoholic hopes in a higher power, his despair I destroyed. The world does not admit any power higher than itself and is doomed to despair. However, “we have put our hope in him that He will rescue us again.” (2Cor 1:10)

Mary’s Role

God knew that we needed a very special mother, so He decided to become a man and have His own mother, so He could give her to us. On the cross, Jesus said to Mary, “Woman, behold your son,” and to the disciple, “Behold! Your mother.” Jesus gave us everything, even his own mother. She will lead you from searching to finding, from despair to hope. She has helped millions. You are her next success story.

Journey TO hope

A religious conversion is a great mystery. No one can predict it or bring it about. The person experiences a breakthrough. “I have found God.” The transformed are slow to speak about the gift, wanting to make sure that the experience will last. Enjoying a newfound

Friendship with God, they can trace the journey, understanding how it commenced and how they were saved. Look upon these 33 Days as your journey with Mary from despair to hope.

ST. Louis DE Montfort Writes:

1. St. Francis saw Mary at the top of a ladder and was told that he had to go through her to enter eternal glory.
2. Mary welcomes souls into her earthly paradise, where they can hide from their enemies.
3. To stay firm in a torrent, to sail through turbulent seas, to be safe in a dangerous countryside are miracles that Mary works for her children.
4. Following Mary, you will never go astray.

Recite the daily prayers.

Day TEN

The World's disobedience

Saying “No”

Before God made the world, a rebellion had occurred in heaven. Lucifer, the great “light bearer,” had led many angels to say “No,” they would not serve God. They were punished forever. An angel never changes his mind. His first choice is his unchangeable decision. Lucifer became Satan, the obstacle, and under his influence mankind also said, “No God, I will not keep your law.”

As people continued to say “No,” the results were disastrous. Cain killed Abel and the problem reached gigantic proportions. “The Lord saw how great man’s wickedness on earth was. He regretted that he had made man” (Gen 6:5-6).

Noah Said Yes

Fortunately, someone said “yes.” “Noah found favor with the Lord” (Gen 6:8). He built an ark and saved mankind. Centuries later, an angel came to the holiest woman in history and told Mary that she had found

Favor with the Lord (Lk1:28). When Mary said, “Yes, let it be done according to God’s word,” obedience was restored to the world. Her son, Jesus, always said, “Yes.” He was “obedient even to death on the cross” and God exalted him.

LOOK Around your World

The world teaches disobedience. Mankind has made himself into the new god. He lives in the evil spirit of disobedience. Like the prodigal Son, the world has asked for its inheritance and has left the Father’s house. Now, for 33 Days Mary invites you to return. She removes your disobedient spirit, which is slavery, and clothes you in the true freedom of saying, “Yes” to God.

The Disobedience Of ST. Francis of Assisi

Francis spent his youth in extravagant living and in fighting wars, even spending a year as a prisoner of war. When released, he took up his usual ways. One Day, however, he met a poor man and changed clothes with him (Francis was always well dressed). He took ill and heard a heavenly voice, “Serve the master, not other men.” The changing moment came when he gave alms to a leper and then kissed the man. Ever so slowly, Francis became Christ’ obedient follower.

St. Louis DE Montfort Writes:

1. The first step to acquiring obedience is a sincere desire for instruction.
2. Through disobedience, heaven was closed. No one could open it. Through disobedience, hell was opened and no one could close it.
3. God's masterpiece, mankind, became the devil's slave. Millions had to suffer from one man's disobedience.
4. A thousand times happy is the man in whom obedience has its abode.
5. Nowhere is God as present as in the obedient Mary.

Recite the daily prayers.

Day Eleven

The World's darkness

Clear images

We easily understand darkness and light because we experience both every Day. Darkness represents the world rejecting Jesus. Light is an image of the disciple walking with Him? On many occasions the gospels use these images.

Judas' Night

Having decided to betray Jesus, Judas left the Last Supper. The gospel says, "It was night," both in Jerusalem and in Judas' heart.

He had rejected Jesus because Judas, "loved darkness rather than the light (3:19), Jesus said that a man who "walks in darkness does not know where he is going" (Jn 12:35). That describes Judas who was walking the fatal path of a betrayer.

Mary Magdalene (From darkness TO light)

Mary Magdalene was in the deepest darkness, entrapped by seven demons (Lk 8:2), until Jesus cast them out and brought her into the greatest light. On Easter Sunday “While it was still dark’ (Jn 20:1), Mary knew to go to the tomb. She met Jesus there and when he said, “Mary,” she realized that He was risen. The woman of darkness was the first to see the risen Jesus, the light of the world.

Most people think of themselves as “filled with light.” However, nothing could be further from the truth. The saints always realized how much darkness surrounded them. They never trusted their own light.

Without Mary our mother leading us to Jesus, we only have the world’s darkness to guide us. It is always “Still dark” until True devotion leads us to Jesus.

Will you accept the light?

St. Augustine listened every Sunday to the preaching of St. Ambrose but he admits. “I always said, ‘tomorrow and tomorrow and tomorrow.’” One Day his moment of light came. “I was in a garden and I heard a child’s voice, ‘take and read, take and read.’ I picked up the Bible and read, ‘The night is far spent. The Day is at hand. Let us throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light’” (Rom 13:12). Augustine wept and accepted the light. These 33 Days invite you to do

The same – throw off darkness and be clothed in Mary’s light.

ST. Louis DE Montfort Writes:

1. What angel or man can explain God’s light? All are really blinded to this wisdom.
2. The saints went into ecstasy, astonished by God’s overwhelming light.
3. A thousand times happy is the man in whom God’s light has its abode.

Recite the daily prayers.

Day Twelve

The World's Sadness

The World's Sadness

A man approached Jesus seeking eternal life. Jesus looked upon him and loved him. “You lack just one thing. Go sell all you have and come follow me. The man went away sad for he had so many possessions” (Mk 10:17-22). Why was the man sad when he still had all his possessions? Because he had missed out, he had made the wrong choice.

The disciple's Joy

Jesus told two parables about true disciples. The Kingdom of heaven is like treasure buried in a field. A person finds the treasure and, out of joy, sells all to buy the field. The Kingdom of Heaven is also like the merchant who finds the pearl of a great price. He, too, sells all and buys that pearl” (Mt 3:44-46). What a contrast! The men in the parables have nothing left, but are filled with joy because they gained the Kingdom.

Sadness

Children experience many moments of sadness because they hope so easily. Although frequently disappointed, they quickly get over it. Sadness in adults is more deeply rooted; disappointments linger, hopes are destroyed. “Too much water under the bridge,” they say. Cynicism, discouragement, and even poor health come from the sadness of having no purpose in life.

Christ’s remedy is hope and Mary scatters these seeds of hope generously in souls who follow her. Nothing equals a “conversion experience.” As Jesus says, “You are born again into new life.”

Look at all your worldly possessions. Consider all that you have. Obviously, something is missing, you have discovered another desire. You want to consecrate yourself to Jesus through Mary. You will make a choice; imitate the disciples, not the rich young man.

The decision Of ST. Francis of Assisi

As St. Francis was praying at St. Damian church, Christ spoke to him from the crucifix, “Rebuild my Church.” He went home, took a horse-load of expensive cloth, sold both the horse and the cloth and gave the money to the pastor, who would not take it. Outraged, his father brought Francis before the bishop who ordered him to repay the money. Besides doing that, Francis gave all his clothes back to his father, and

Was given the clothing of a Day laborer. He left the city in joy proclaiming, “I am the herald of the great King.”

ST Louis DE Montfort Writes:

1. Rejoice! O Christian without any schooling, because you know the secrets of the Kingdom.
2. To possess the Kingdom, we must seek it ardently and be ready to surrender everything.
3. Joyful is the soul where Mary, the Tree of Life, is planted.
4. God’s least servant is richer than any King or emperor.
5. How rich is that servant who has given God everything without condition!

Recite the daily prayers.

Hopefully, these twelve Days have opened your eyes to see the world as it really is. For the next 7 Days, you will see yourself as God sees you.

PART TWO

Knowledge of Self and **SORROW** for Sin

Of all earth's creatures, only the human person has self-consciousness. We know our name, our skills, our career, and the people with whom we live and work. We define ourselves. All Day long, we live with some self-image. However, the way we see ourselves is not the way other people see us. More importantly, how we see ourselves is now God sees us. During this week, you will reflect upon seven aspects of how God thinks of you. What a special week! Just listen to God speak to you about you. The goal is God's glory and your holiness. To Jesus, through Mary.

Day Thirteen

Made in God's image

You ARE God's Creation

As material creation was coming to its great climax, the Divine Persons made a decision. "Let us make man in our own image and likeness" (Gen 1:26). After God created two human persons, male and female, he said to them, "Increase and multiply, and fill the earth." Ever since then, human parents have conceived children. When they do that, God creates the human person and gives every person his own two powers of intellect and free will. The person can do, to some degree, what God does. God thinks and he chooses. He knows and he loves. As a human, you can do the same. You have a rational intellect and free will. You know and you decide.

Your inner Self

At about two years of age, your intellectual powers came forth. You learned a language. You wrote words and sentences. You learned that there was good and bad. You also discovered that certain things were forbidden and that you had lots of choices. A little later, you realized that there were temptations. When you resisted these, you felt good. When you did not, you felt bad.

Why does this happen? Why do you feel good when doing what is right, and feel bad when doing evil? Dear child of God, you are not an animal. You are god's special creation. You are a human. God has given you this moral impulse because He wants you to act like he does. He wants to be proud of you, and say, "Look, that is my creation." And you can say, "I am made in God's image," That is the dignity of the human person.

ST. Louis DE Montfort Writes:

1. The greatest prudence is to reflect on God's plan.
2. Faith must be both understood and accepted into one's heart by repentance for one's sins.
3. Only a few find God's plan because only a few seek it ardently.
4. Knowing God's plan sets people on fire to do great works for God's glory and for souls.

5. The Holy Spirit became fruitful in Mary and brought forth his masterpiece, Jesus.
6. Since the Holy Spirit has espoused Mary, he has never left her.

Recite the daily prayers.

Day fourteen

A Sinful humanity

If a doctor knew nothing about germs, he would make many mistakes and his patients would get very sick. Modern man knows nothing about sin. He lives as if sin does not exist, and he has gotten very sick. Self-knowledge removes this moral blindness because the person sees the presence and the power of sin.

People wonder why things go wrong. What happened to that marriage? What happened to that family? Sin is always present, causing everything to go wrong. However, people do not realize that sin is destroying what they had built. Sin is like a tax, always taking its toll. Through awareness, we stop paying that tax.

Selfishness

Let's use another word. If we call sin "selfishness," the picture gets clearer. Inside every person is a gigantic power and a great capacity for selfishness. Jesus said a person must lose this sinful self to gain life.

When I am selfish, people don't love me. However, when I love others, I become loveable. Selfishness builds a wall and people keep their distance. Making sacrifices takes down these walls and people come closer.

Sin does not exist only in actions but in the way I think, act, and speak. Sin dwells in my desires and in my heart. Due to my inner sinfulness, I build a world that is crooked, twisted and distorted. I get locked inside my own selfishness.

True devotion forms us quite differently. St Louis de Montfort said, "Whoever allows himself to be molded by Mary will acquire every feature of Jesus Christ with little effort."

True goal

Some people say, "Jesus loves me just as I am." He certainly does. However, he loves you too much to let you stay the way you are. Jesus dreams of a different you and Mary will bring it about.

St. Augustine's delay

For years, Augustine was great sinner. However, the preaching of St. Ambrose, Archbishop of Milan, attracted him greatly. But, there were always his sins. He kept putting off the Day of conversion. He writes, "I kept saying 'tomorrow, and tomorrow, and tomorrow.'"

Do not fall into the same trap. As Paul writes, “ToDay is the Day of your salvation.”

ST. Louis DE Montfort Writes:

1. Let us snatch from the devil our book of sins and atone for them while here on earth.
2. Respect Mary’s hand that forms you. You have an important place in the eternal building.
3. God will not even condemn a sinner with one foot in hell, unless the sinner compels Him. With
4. Whoever allows himself to be molded by Mary will acquire every feature of Jesus Christ with little effort.

Recite the daily prayers.

Day fifteen

The POWER TO Say “No”

The little baby grows quickly. He examines his own body and bites his toes. He sees other people and begins to relate to them. He learns to speak. His first words are “daddy” and “mommy.” One Day, for the first time, he says a very powerful word, “No.” He is shocked by its power. He can resist his parents. So, he often says, “No.” “No” has a much more power than the gentle “Yes,” that word of obedience and acceptance.

Everyone can say “No.” They can say “No” to parents, friends, spouses, and to their own children. They can even say “No” to Jesus Christ. The saints feared only one thing, their own free will. They often asked God to take away their free will so they would never say “No” to God. Only one person in the world can really destroy you – and that is you, by saying “No” to God.

Driving A car

While teaching their young adult son or daughter how to drive, parents are well aware that they could have an accident and even be killed. God gave you free will, even though he realized that you could use this gift to destroy yourself. God wants you to love him. He wants you to say, “Yes.” In order to do that, he must give you the power to say “No,” even if you decide to choose hell instead of heaven.

Many ways

We can say “No” in so many ways. “I won’t go to Church. I won’t go to confession. I won’t be honest. I won’t be pure. I won’t have more children. I won’t forgive that other person.” Don’t be surprised. Everyone has many “No’s” hidden in his or her heart.

We are just starting out on our road of True Devotion. Soon, you will discover the many times that you say “No”. We are only at the beginning so, don’t be discouraged. Mary always said, “Yes” and by True Devotion all of your “No’s” will change to “Yes”. These are 33 Days of renouncing your “No” and of saying, “Yes” to Jesus and Mary.

Mother Theresa's Vow

Blessed Mother Theresa of Calcutta made an extraordinary vow that was revealed only after her death. Very early in her religious life, her confessor allowed her to vow that she would never say “No” to God in anything. She made this vow under pain of mortal sin. Her years were totally a “yes” to God.

St. Louis DE Montfort Writes:

1. When you follow Mary you will not stray (St. Bernard).
2. For thirty years, Jesus said. “Yes” to Mary.
3. Jesus wanted Mary at the cross so she could say “Yes” with him to the Father.
4. Because Mary said, “Yes,” God has given her such great authority that she seems to have power over the Heart of the Trinity.

Recite the daily prayers.

Day Sixteen

I have sinned

The Prodigal Son (Lk 15:11-32) was greedy: “Give me my inheritance.” He was also self-reliant: “He set off for a distant country.” He soon became poor and needy. This experience cause him to reflect, “He came to his senses” and it also led him to the perfect conclusion, “I shall get up and go back to my father.” He also knew what to say, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.”

As children, we were taught to begin our confessions by saying, “Bless me, Father, for I have sinned.” We all sin, but we don’t admit it. We turn the spotlight on everybody else’s faults and keep the light away from our own hearts.

While Jesus was teaching in the temple, a crowd brought a woman caught in adultery, she was alone in the spotlight. Jesus turned that light around saying, “Whoever is without sin, cast the first stone” (Jn 8:7).

Of course, no one qualified and her accusers walked away.

The Spotlight

Jesus is the spotlight of truth. Through True Devotion, we allow Him to shine in our hearts, knowing that His light will reveal our sins. Our sins are real. We committed them and we do not need them. They are reflections, causing emotional and spiritual health.

Isaiah's Experience

When God called Isaiah to be his prophet, He lifted him up to heaven. Isaiah realized where he was and whom he was seeing. He cried out, "Woe is me. I am a man of unclean lips. Yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts" (6:5). God provided the solution. The angel purified his lips with fire from the altar.

God has provided this fire for you, also. "Go, show yourselves to the priest," Jesus said to the leper (Mk 1:44). During these 33 Days, make a good confession. You might want to tell a priest that you are preparing for your De Montfort Consecration and would like a general confession. Mary will guide his words.

St. Charles DE Foucault

Charles led a wild life in the French Foreign Legion. When he turned to France, he lived with a devout cousin. One Day he accompanied her to Church where he saw a priest hearing confessions. He really wanted to discuss something but the priest got him to confess. Afterwards, he said, "If God forgave me all my sins, I

Should love Him with my whole heart.” From that point forward, he said, “Yes.”

ST. LOUIS DE Montfort Writes:

1. The cross is a fire that purifies the iron of the souls’ rust.
2. Very frequently, God even allows His saints to have humiliating faults.
3. God allows humiliations, faults, and temptations. He often leaves His friends in darkness and perplexity.
4. Whatever crosses God sends to you are exceedingly light when compared to your sins.
5. Some people pose as Christians but do little to please God or to atone for their sins.

Recite the daily prayers.

Day Seventeen

I need help

As the little child grows in strength, he becomes independent. He leaves the home to go to school. He becomes an adolescent and experiences physical growth and strength. Wanting to find his own world, until it comes crashing down. When that happens, in the moment of truth, the person admits, “I need help.”

An alcoholic, dealing with the overwhelming power of addiction, must come to realize, “I am an alcoholic.” Otherwise, he will never recover. How great is that moment when anyone realizes “I need God’s help”? That moment came for the Venerable Matt Talbot when he was thrown out of a pub in Ireland because he had no money to buy a drink. What a moment of grace! Lying on the ground, he needed help and knew where to find it. He went to confession and showed up early every morning for Mass.

Despair because Of helplessness

Many arrive at this moment of needing help but they have little faith and no relationship with God. That moment leads to despair because they do not know where to turn.

When did that moment of helplessness happen to you? Where did you turn? Suddenly (or slowly) you came to the point where you knew that Mary could help you. “I’ll look into this True Devotion,” you decided. Keep on learning about yourself and Mary. For each of your questions, Mary has the answer.

ST. PETER

Peter always thought he was wrong. Supposedly, he was even ready to die for Jesus. First, he ran away in the garden. Then, he denied Christ in the courtyard around the fire. Finally, he wept. (Legend has it that Peter had marks on his face from his lifelong weeping.) Having wept, he could be restored. Our helplessness opens the door to God’s power. Try it some Day!

ST. Jerome Emiliano (1481 – 1537)

As an army commander, Jerome was stubborn, proud, and led a sinful life. Fortunately, he was captured and chained in a dungeon. Knowing his need for help, Jerome turned to God. By a miracle, he was able to escape and went immediately to a Church and vowed

His life to Our Lady. He founded orphanages and formed a religious congregation to undertake that work.

ST. Louis DE Montfort Writes:

1. Even the most spiritual Christians do not understand the help, which Mary offers her children.
2. Mary gives God's help to whomever she wills and as much as she wills.
3. Mary leads her stumbling children through the narrow door and gives them a heavenly crown.
4. Knowing that she is the safest and easiest road to Jesus, her children give themselves to Mary without reserve.
5. At all times, the child flees to Mary without any fear of annoying her or of displeasing her.

Recite the daily prayers.

Day Eighteen

Having Received much

A very rich and famous father, Robert Kennedy, led his many children every night in saying the rosary and reading the scriptures. He also gave a little homily to his family that always had same theme, “Much will be asked of the person who has received much.”

When I was ten years old, a salesman came to the house. He kept telling my mother that he was “a self-made man.”

Even at ten, I knew that he was foolish. Did we create ourselves? Did we choose our parents? Did we educate ourselves? As the saying goes, “We got born on third base and thought we hit a triple.” Truly, we have received much, and much will be asked of us.

King David’s gratitude

When the prophet Nathan told David that one of his descendants would be the Messiah, David realized how much he had received. He went straight to his chapel and prayed, “Who am I, Lord, and who are the members

Of my family that you have brought me to this point?” 2 Sam 7:18) He was the greatest King in Israel, but he never forgot who put him on the throne and who would bless his descendants.

Reflect on this question, “To what point has God brought you?” See all of God’s past blessings, even the sins that He has forgiven. Recall all the people who have blessed your life, all the mistakes that could have destroyed everything, and all the times God gave you a second chance. Having done that, you stand before a very special door. God has brought you to this Consecration of your life to Jesus through Mary.

When his boat was filled to overflowing with fish, Peter did not exclaim, “I am a great fisherman.” Instead, he said, “Depart from me, O Lord. I am a sinful man” (Lk 5:8) See all of your blessings for what they are ---God’s gift to a sinful person. By true self-knowledge we see that we are not great fisherman. However, Jesus was willing to be in our boat.

St. Katherine Drexel

St. Katherine was born into great wealth in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Each Sunday, when she went with her mother to distribute clothing to the poor, she saw the need for Catholic instruction among the African-Americans. She went to Rome to ask Pope Leo XIII to send missionaries to America. He said,

“You should found a congregation.” She gave up all of her wealth and founded the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament to care for African-Americans and Native-Americans.

ST. Louis DE Montfort Writes:

1. You have the pride of Lucifer by imagining that you are somebody.
2. Our corrupt minds often take complacency in God’s gifts. So, God often hides his true friends. The soul’s real birthDay is when Mary brings them forth to eternal life.
3. Mary alone found God’s favors. First for herself, and then for everyone else.
4. Mary is God’s Paradise. Jesus entered there to find delight.

Recite the daily prayers.

Day Nineteen

Made for heaven

Reader, you have lived now for many years. Have you ever had a perfect moment? If so, could you hold on to that moment? Oh, you tried to hold on. You took photos and videos of your moment but time moved on and stole your moment. The Day was over. Tomorrow came. It is always that way. Every Day begins and ends. The sun rises and sets. You cannot say to the sun, “Stand still, because today is perfect and I never want it to end.”

The Merry-go-round And the Titanic

Earth is like a merry-go-round. We get on, we go around for a few years and then we get off. As the person experiences the many changes in earthly existence, he asks, “What is life all about?” We learned that answer in first grade, “God made me to know him, to love him and serve him in this world, so we can be happy with

Him in heaven.” Modern life has new inventions, new technology and multiple experiences, but earth is like the Titanic. No matter how beautiful the ship, the ride must come to an end.

My good Catholic parents would say, “Don’t be fooled. You were not made for earth. There is only one purpose in life ---to get to heaven.” Jesus put it a different way. “What does it profit a man to gain the whole world and lose his soul? Time inevitably marches on. The beauty queen ages. The sports stars retires. The rich man grows ill. The powerful man loses his office. Jesus warned, “Where your treasure is, there your heart will be.” If your heart is on earth, time will steal all your treasures. If heaven is your goal, you will never be disappointed.

TWO Parables

Jesus compared heaven to a priceless pearl. In these 33 Days, you are seeking that pearl. At some point, you will say, “I found it.” Your friends won’t know what you are talking about. You probably won’t be able to describe it. But joy will be yours for the rest of your life. Jesus said, “On that Day, your hearts will rejoice and no one will take your joy from you” (Jn 16:22).

ST. Francis Xavier (1506 – 1552)

Francis wanted to be a brilliant professor until St. Ignatius came to the University of Paris. Ignatius saw God calling Francis to the priesthood so he kept reminding him, “Francis, what does it profit you to gain the whole world and lose your soul?” Soon, Francis gave up everything and became one of the Church’s greatest missionaries.

ST. **Louis** DE Montfort Writes:

1. A person can arrive at heaven by other roads than Mary, but these other roads have more crosses and more difficulties.
2. Mary’s road to heaven is more peaceful. She is always near, clearing away doubts and banishing fears.
3. The person makes more progress to heaven in a short time on Mary’s road than by many years of self-reliance.
4. Mary’s graces are so great that you could more easily count the stars.

Recite the daily prayers.

PART Three

Getting TO know Mary

We get to know someone by hearing their words and watching them in action. Because Mary's words and actions are carefully recorded in the gospel stories, we will begin each teaching with those familiar stories.

Day Twenty

Mary hears God's call by faith

Two gospel writers, Matthew and Luke, record the story of Mary and Joseph before the birth of Jesus. Mary lives in a small town in northern Israel call Nazareth and is engaged to Joseph. Sounds like a normal situation. However, even though “engaged to be married, “we discover that she has vowed to live as a virgin. She asked the angel, “How can I conceive when I have no relations with a man? (Lk 1:34) How did this situation come about?

Mary listened TO God

Mary did not learn virginity from her culture. Jewish people wanted women to have children. Having many descendants was the promise made to deliberately choose virginity was unheard of in Israel. Mary got this idea from God. She listened to His call.

Right from the beginning, she was very different. Mary was a pioneer. She walked to a different drummer. She knew God's special call only because she believed.

Mary believed God's Word

The angel told Mary that she would conceive, even without having sexual relations. "How can this be? Mary asked. The angel explained that the Holy Spirit would come upon her and God's power would overshadow her" (Lk 1:35).

It sounded impossible and Mary knew it. To help Mary believe, the angel recounted God's miracle. Elizabeth, who was sterile in her old age, had conceived. "Nothing is impossible with God." said the angel.

Try to catch this moment. A young woman is being told that God wants to become man. Also, she will become pregnant by the Holy Spirit's power in her womb. The child will be conceived without any human father.

She was alone with no one to help her. Gabriel finished his message. He had nothing more to say. In that moment, she believed and she consented, "Let it be done just as you have said." Later, her cousin Elizabeth praised Mary's faith, "Blessed are you who believed that the Lord's words to you would be fulfilled" (Lk 1:45).

Your moment of faith

God has a plan for you and he wants you to see his plan. If you are absorbed in the world, you will see only your worldly call. If you practice True Devotion, you will find God's call.

Right now, God is leading you to a special call. He is awakening you. Oh, how much God wants you to begin to know his call.

ST. Louis DE Montfort Writes:

1. Inspired by the Spirit I confide to you, O Chosen soul, and a secret that I have never read in any book.
2. I have never discovered a devotion like the one I will reveal.
3. We become like God by consecrating ourselves to Mary.
4. To serve God is the highest employment on earth.

Recite the daily prayers.

Day Twenty ONE

Mary AS God's Missionary

After being conceived, Jesus wanted to begin his work immediately. So, his mother undertook the 90- mile journey “to the hill country of Judea.” Then came the great surprise.

As soon as Mary greeted Elizabeth, John the Baptist leaped in his mother's womb. He pointed out to Elizabeth that Mary was “the mother of the Lord.” Look at this cycle of events. Mary listened to God and visited Elizabeth. Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting and was filled with the Spirit. Jesus sanctified both John and Elizabeth. By telling his mother, John the Baptist began his mission of preparing the way for Jesus. God had this planned from the beginning. He wanted people like Mary, Elizabeth, and John to be his helpers.

NOT A PERFECT WORLD

God deliberately created an imperfect world, one that will always need a lot of work. In the garden, God gave Adam a task of “tilling the soil.” He told Adam

and Eve “to multiply and fill the earth.” God shares his work with us. God needs you. You are important. You are the perfect person put in just the right place to fulfill a task that only you can do. God’s call is serious and we only get one lifetime to respond.

A TRuE STORY

It was a big house and the father had a lot of painting to do, but he always had his 8-year-old son wield the paintbrush. Being just an 8-year-old, the boy was not really good at this task. The father always had to finish up and paint over again.

During their time together, the father would often say, “Did I ever tell you that you are a good boy.” “Yes, dad,” he would reply. “Well,” said the father, “I am going to tell you again. You are a good boy.”

God could do much better without us but He wants us to help Him paint the world so He can tell us how good we are.

ST. Francis Xavier

Francis was an intelligent student who saw himself as a brilliant professor at the University of Paris. When St. Ignatius came to the University, he began drawing Francis into God’s light. Later, as a missionary to India, he wrote to Ignatius, “What a waste of time to be a professor when thousands of souls are now hearing God’s word in India.”

ST. Louis DE Montfort Writs:

1. I will be brief because neither of us has much time to do God's work.
2. Right now, our loving Savior has His eyes upon you.
3. Could the Lord of heaven and earth possibly need man's help?
4. Mary found God's plan for herself and for everyone else.
5. Mary was created only for God and she leads every soul into God's will.

Recite the daily prayers.

Day Twenty Two

Mary AS the Patient mother

(The birth and the flight)

Bad NEWS

The news was not too good. Joseph had to go to Bethlehem just when Mary was about to deliver her child. Mary undertook another 90-mile journey, this time filled with greater difficulties. The search for a room was fruitless until a kind person gave them lodging with the animals. No complaints from the mother! She had a divine child and a loving husband, chosen by God, who always provided.

The messengers

Suddenly, shepherds went to the manger, telling of angel choirs and heavenly messages about a Savior, a Messiah and their Lord. Mary took it all in, deeply grateful to the shepherds for coming and telling her. Later, three wise men arrived from afar with their gifts.

They talked about their journey guided by a star. Again, Mary was grateful and took it all in.

The fight

Then came the big problems. One night, Joseph awakened Mary. “We are leaving for Egypt. An angel told me that Heroes is seeking to kill Jesus.” She believed her husband, packed quickly and went down to Egypt, where the Israelites had spent 400 years in slavery. Because the angel never said how long the exile would last, Mary and Joseph patiently waited for the angel to come again, many years later, to tell them to return.

The Vicissitudes of life

Mary accepted all these events, patiently waiting to see what God willed. She accepted everything. Years later, she had to bury Jesus. No complaints. No protests. From birth to death, she was the patient mother.

The Patience of Saint John xxiii

Early in his priesthood, Bishop Angelo Roncelli was sent from Rome to Bulgaria as Papal Nuncio. He was given his mission and was told that he would quickly return. When the mission was accomplished, he was not recalled. Years passed. He was sent to Greece, to Turkey, and then to Paris. Patiently, he accepted these decisions, always wondering what had happened.

In truth, he had been exiled from Rome, but God brought him back as the pope. God always asks us to be patient until he works things out.

ST. Louis DE Montfort Writes:

1. The father willed that Mary would work no striking miracle in her lifetime, even though she had tremendous powers.
2. Although the saints said many eloquent things, even they did not understand her virtues.
3. Jesus is Mary's first born. We, as God's adopted children, are Mary's second-born.
4. Sinners care little about Mary but Saints rely on Mary's tenderness as Jesus did at his mother's breast.

Recite the daily prayers.

Day Twenty Three

Mary, Obedient TO God's law (Presenting Jesus in The Temple)

In these infancy stories, God often guided Mary and Joseph through angels who delivered his messages. In this story, God used their obedience. As Jewish, parents, they had to go to the temple to present their first-born son. God used Simeon, a lay person, who was “holy, devout and the Holy Spirit was upon him.” The Spirit spoke often to Simeon, promising him that he would live to see the Messiah. One Day, the Spirit said, “Simeon, go to the temple toDay.”

When the parents brought in Jesus, Simeon was well prepared to give his message. He prophesied that Jesus would be “a light of revelation to the Gentiles and the glory to Israel” (Lk 2:31-32) unfortunately, he had another message. This child is destined for the fall and rise of many Israel.” To Mary, he said, “And your own heart, a sword will pierce.”

How did all this happen? How did Simeon, Mary, Joseph and Jesus all end up in the right place at the

Right time? The Holy Spirit was able to lead Simeon to the temple at the right time because the parents were obedient.

Obedience of the TWO Saint Theresa's

St. Teresa of Avila always taught the importance of obedience to priest confessors even though they gave her many problems. Some gave harmful advice. Some made disturbing comments. Some gave useless directions. Some were excellent. She obeyed them all. When the priest said something different than what Jesus told her, she still obeyed the priest until Jesus change the priest mind. She is the saint of obedience.

Centuries later, The Little Flower followed this path of obedience. One time, the superior gave an order. Six months later, she found St. Therese still carrying out the command after the Superior had long since forgotten she had given it.

RevoIt Against The Commandments and the Church

throughout the world, a great rebellion is taking place. Even Catholics are disobeying God's law and The Church's teachings. Wherever Mary appears and Whenever people listen to her teachings, they become obedient again. Mary removes every spirit of rebellion and helps her followers to obey God and His Church.

ST. Louis DE Montfort Writes:

1. Only those who obey Mary will be honored by God's blessings.
2. Mary is alert for opportunities to make her children happy. She arranges everything for them, keeping away all evil.
3. How can any child obedient to Mary go astray from eternal life?
4. Mary will send millions of angels to keep her least worthy child from disobeying God.

Recite the daily prayers.

Day Twenty Three

Mary Our Intercessor (Cana)

Jesus was just beginning His ministry when He and His disciples attended this wedding at Cana, nine miles north of Nazareth. As the wine ran out, Mary (always in the background) emerged center stage and presented the problem to Jesus. “They have no wine” (Jn 2:3). Jesus called her “woman,” a very special title that He used again later from the cross. Mary’s importance is shown by her presence in the events that begin and end Jesus’ public life. At Cana, Jesus seemed to deny her request. “My hour has not yet come,” meaning the hour when He would save the world. The difficulty is this: if Jesus worked this miracle as a public display of His power, the Father’s timetable would have been changed and the whole pattern of His ministry shifted.

Mary believes

Mary didn’t argue or plead. She knew that Jesus would answer her petition. She instructed the waiters, do whatever He tells you.” Mary believed Jesus would

Find a solution. He had the waiters get six large jars filled with water. Jesus changed the water into wine and told them to go quietly to the headwaiter. In this way, He helped the couple and still remained hidden. God gives Mary everything she asks for, even when the time does not seem right.

Rebecca and Jacob

St. Louis cherishes the story of Rebecca gaining Isaac's blessing for Jacob, whom she loved so much. The story is not a mother choosing one son (Jacob) over his brother (Esau) but of one son choosing to be devoted to his mother and the other neglecting her.

St. Louis explains the story this way. "When Rebecca overheard Isaac telling Esau to prepare a meal before receiving the blessing, Rebecca used a holy and mysterious ruse. She prepared the meal for Jacob to present. She clothed him in Esau's finest garments and covered his arms with animal skins. The smell of the garments and the hairy arms would make the blind Isaac give the blessing to Jacob, who totally trusted his mother.

Jacob is a symbol of all the souls who love Mary. Although unworthy, they are clothed in Jesus' merits because they trust Mary and follow her directions perfectly.

By True Devotion, you will be a Jacob and Mary will gain every blessing for you.

St. Louis DE Montfort Writes:

1. God willed to begin and to end his greatest works through Mary.
2. The world was unworthy to receive His Son directly, so the Father gave Jesus to the world through Mary.
3. At Cana, God began His miracles through Mary. Through her, He continues doing them until the end of time.
4. God receives Mary's prayers as commands because He never denies them.
5. Mary is God's treasure, the distributor of His graces.

Recite the daily prayers.

Day Twenty four

Mary, The Suffering mother

Nazareth

Matthew writes, “Jesus left Nazareth and went to live in Capernaum” (Mt 4:13). After that, Capernaum (on the shore of the Sea of Galilee) became Jesus’ headquarters. Why did this happen? One Day, after His fame had grown, Jesus returned to Nazareth. For some reason, Jesus’ hometown people resented Him. They grew angry and tried to kill Him by throwing Him off the precipice. But Jesus passed through their midst and went away” (Lk 4:3).

Mary must have been there because she always attended the Sabbath synagogue service. She heard the remarks “Isn’t this the son of Joseph? And “Where did He get this wisdom?” Her heart was broken. Her neighbors were yelling at Jesus. Then, the unthinkable, they tried to kill Him.

Jesus left Nazareth but Mary stayed. She lived every Day with the same neighbors, always forgiving them for what they did. Years later, Mary went to Jerusalem

For the Passover. She learned that the leaders had imprisoned Jesus. Suddenly, she was there among another angry crowd. This time, they shouted, “Crucify Him. Crucify Him.” She patiently forgave them also.

The Cross

There is a hymn, “Were you there when they crucified my Lord?” Mary was there. When Jesus saw his mother and the Beloved Disciple at His cross, He said, “Woman, behold your son.” The word “woman” brought back the happy memories of the couple at Cana whom Jesus had helped. Then, came all the other memories, beginning with Simeon’s prophecy of a sword piercing her heart. For 33 years, she had been with Jesus in all His suffering.

Jesus said to the Beloved Disciple, “Behold your mother. “Suddenly, she had a new task ---to stand by all of His disciples until the end of the world. At the Day of your Baptism, Jesus said to you “Behold your mother.” Only now are you awakening to the great gift. You have two mothers. One got you to earth and Mary will get you to heaven. By True Devotion, she claims you and will hold you until you are with her forever.

Another Jewish mother

About 200 years before Jesus, a Jewish mother lost seven sons in a religious persecution of the Jews. She encouraged all of them to stand firm in their religious

Beliefs. She was asked to persuade her youngest son to save his life. Speaking in her native tongue she said, “Son, I carried you for nine months and nursed you f o r three years. Do not be afraid of the executioner but accept death that I might receive you again in the Day of God’s mercy” (2Mc C7).

ST. Louis DE Montfort Writes:

1. Jesus wanted Mary at the cross. With her consent, He was immolated to the Father.
2. Through Mary, the Holy Spirit now brings forth new children of Christ’s Mystical Body.
3. As Christ was born in her, so every chosen soul must be born in her.
4. The world’s salvation was begun by Mary and will be completed by her.
5. Mary’s faithful servants get more crosses but they carry them more easily.
6. No one can carry a heavy cross joyfully without tender devotion to Our Lady.

Recite the daily prayers.

Day Twenty five

The Woman clothed in The Sun

The Risen Jesus APPEARS

The Gospels do not record all the times that Jesus appeared to his Disciples after the Resurrection. For example, St. Paul writes that Jesus appeared to Peter, and also to 500 at once and to James (1 Cor 15:6-7). We also have no Gospel account of Jesus appearing to Mary, but we can certainly presume that He did so.

On the other hand, Mary didn't need a vision. By her total union with Jesus, she would have known of the Resurrection the moment that it happened. Just as St. Benedict knew that his sister, St. Scholastic, had died and gone to heaven.

The Ascension and Pentecost

Certainly, Mary saw Jesus ascend into heaven. Luke writes that the disciples who witnessed the Ascension returned to Jerusalem "together with Mary, the mother

Of Jesus” (Acts 1:14). They waited in Jerusalem for the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit came twice and Mary was there both times. At the Annunciation, The Spirit overshadowed her to form the physical body of Jesus in her womb. When He came second time, at Pentecost, He formed the mystical body of Jesus the Church. Mary is both the mother of Jesus and the mother of the Church.

The Assumption

Archeological evidence shows that, in her final years, Mary lived with the Beloved Disciple at Ephesus. Pope John Paul II celebrated Mass at her home there, where she was assumed into heaven. In the Book of Revelation, the Beloved Disciple describes Mary’s greatness and her mission. “God’s temple in heaven was opened and the Ark of the Covenant could be seen in the temple. A great sign appeared in the sky, a woman clothed in the sun with the moon under her feet and on her head a crown of twelve stars” (Rev 11:19-12:1).

The story tells of the battle between Mary’s children and the “large red dragon.” The dragon became angry with the woman and went off to wage war against the rest of her offspring “who keep God’s commandments and bear witness to Jesus” 12:17)

From these texts you understand that we are all caught up in war. Without Mary, we lose. With Mary, we conquer, she is the Woman clothed with the Sun,

The cosmic woman always ready to intervene in our lives. Keep preparing for your Consecration to her.

ST. Louis DE Montfort Writes:

1. Mary's saints will attract the world to True Devotion, gaining them both enemies and victories.
2. True Devotees will be purified fire in God's hands and sharp armor in Mary's hands.
3. The Lord will work wonders through those who practice True Devotion.
4. Mary's great saints will accomplish everything by True Devotion.

Recite the daily prayers.

PART four

Get TO know Jesus

I hope you enjoyed getting to know Mary. Her Son is just like her. Getting to know Him brings great reward. “Whoever believes in the Son has life eternal” (Jn 3:16).

The greatest mystery is that God wanted to become man. To do so, God asked a woman to be His mother. At the center of all history stands Jesus Christ, who can bestow eternal life on all who believe (Jn 3:15). So, use these final seven Days well. They will lead you to a Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary.

Day Twenty Six

Jesus Obeys God and his PARENTS

When Jesus was twelve years old, His parents, always obedient to Jewish laws, went up to Jerusalem to celebrate Passover. They made this 90-mile, three- Day trip with many others from Nazareth. As they returned home, Jesus stayed in Jerusalem. After the parents discovered that Jesus was not with the group, they went back to the city.

When they found Jesus in the temple, Mary, so accustomed to Jesus being obedient, asked why He had done this. “Did you not know that I had to be in my Father’s home?” He replied. After this incident, “Jesus returned with them to Nazareth and was obedient to them.

Double Obedience

In this story, Jesus acts in obedience to both His earthly parents and to His heavenly Father. St. Louis wrote that Jesus gave more glory to God by being obedient to Mary for 30 years than by working the

Greatest miracles. Many years later, He prayed in the garden. “Father, not my will but yours be done.” The next Day, on the cross, Jesus would pray, “Father, into your hands, I commend my spirit.”

Jesus described his goal, “The Son can only do what He sees the Father doing” (Jn 5:19). From beginning to end He was obedient to God, to His parents and to all authority.

The modern world teaches you to get your own way and to do your own thing. Jesus says His life is all about doing what His Father wanted. Jesus told a parable about a man with a vineyard who asked His son to work there. Originally, He said “no” but changed His mind and went. That you have often said “No,” is not important. You can change your mind. Right now, you want to say, “Yes.” The Father calls you into His vineyard.

ST. Faustina

St. Faustina saw Jesus almost every Day, but she knew to obey her priest guides. She had many ups and downs. To some, she could not communicate easily. Others did not understand Faustina. Some did not believe her. Yet, she obeyed. Finally, God sent her two excellent priests as guides. They were easy to obey. Difficult or easy, St. Faustina always obeyed.

St. Louis DE Montfort Writes:

1. Who should be exempt from the cross? No one. So, let us hasten to where obedience takes us.
2. We cannot escape the cross. We carry it willingly or unwillingly.
3. If you live in Jesus' spirit, you must expect thorns and nails.
4. When assailed by sorrow and temptation, remember Christ's obedience to His father.

Recite the daily prayers.

Day Twenty Seven

Jesus has many friends

The saying goes, “You know a person by his friends.” Read the gospels. Jesus has lots of friends even though He asks many sacrifices, like leaving their possessions behind. He also enjoys the company of women who love Him very deeply, such as the sisters named Martha and Mary, Mary Magdalene, and the holy women of Galilee. He has apostles and disciples who are very loyal, except for one. His friends lent Him a donkey for Palm Sunday and an Upper Room for the Last Supper. The apostles ran away but they felt bad because Jesus was their friend.

After the Last Supper, Jesus said, “I do not call you servants. I call you friends.” What great favor! Jesus owns everything and you own nothing. Yet, He makes you His friend. The most surprising moment came after Jesus had risen from the dead. Although enjoying eternal glory, He wants Peter’s friendship. Three times, Jesus asks, “Do you love me?” Jesus wants friends. He especially wants you as His friend.

The Problem Of loneliness

God saw the problem, “it is not good for man to be alone” (Gen 1:18). God had a plan. He made Adam realize that he was lonely. He showed Adam all the animals and Adam realized that “none proved to be a suitable partner.” When Adam saw Eve, he knew that he had a lifelong friend. We all need friends. Even Jesus needed them. The saints reveal this mystery. Jesus’ heart is broken when He is not our best friend.

What is friendship?

Every person has inner walls that keep other people outside. Through friendship, a person takes down the walls and allows someone to enter into his life.

Jesus wants to be your friend but you have walls that keep Jesus out of your life. Through True Devotion, the walls come down ---we call this surrender ---and Jesus comes in.

St. Theresa of Avila said to her nuns, Jesus has so few friends these Days. At least let us be good ones.”

St. Louis DE Montfort Writes:

1. You are chosen from thousands to be Jesus’ friend.
You must live in pure faith and love for Jesus.

2. Nothing is so necessary, so useful and as glorious as being a friend to Jesus.
3. If you are resolved to become friends of Jesus, resolve to drink from the cup from which Jesus drank.
4. If you are not among Jesus' friends, you are among the lost.

Recite the daily prayers.

Day Twenty Eight

Jesus hates Sin

The modern world has painted a false idea of Jesus Christ. By selectively choosing some of His words, they fashion a Christ who tolerates everything, as if He just stands at heavens gate waving everyone in, good or bad, saint or sinner.

The gospel Picture

In Mark's gospel, Jesus' first words were "Repent and believe in the gospel." Jesus wants His friends to repent. After Jesus saved the woman in adultery He said, "I do not condemn you. From now on, sin no more" (Jn 8:11).

Many times, Jesus grew angry when He saw sin. In the synagogue, "He looked at them with anger because of their hardness of heart" (Mk 3:5). Later, in the temple, Jesus overturned their money tables saying, "You have made my Father's house a den of thieves" (Mk 12:17).

The world tolerates everything and claims there is no sin. The gospel states that Jesus “will prove the world wrong about sin” (Jn 16:8). Is Jesus angry about our sins? Certainly HE is and He wants to take them away, if we let Him. That is His life’s purpose. He is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world” (Jn 1:29). Jesus gathered sinners. They flocked to Him and joined

His Company. He welcomed them. They felt no shame. The past was the past and they had gladly left their sins behind them. They all had stories to tell, the “before” and “after.” They spoke of what they were like before they met Jesus. Now, they were “new creations.” The past darkness had changed to light.

Read the gospel stories. See for yourself. Jesus welcomed sinners. They felt quite at home in His presence. They also knew to change their lives because everybody else was trying to be like Jesus.

ST. Louis DE Montfort Writes:

1. The world considers a person wise who is a keen businessman, turning everything to profit. Yet, this businessman ignores God’s interests. What a fool!
2. People pose as Christians but they do little to atone for their sins.
3. Everyone should know the means to holiness. You find them in the gospels.
4. Growing in holiness is your vocation.

5. Guard your tongue and mortify your bodily senses.
6. To attain perfect union with Jesus, we must empty ourselves of all sin.

Recite the daily prayers.

Day Twenty Nine

Jesus forgives Sins

His Purpose and Name

Although His ministry included preaching and healing, Jesus had one purpose. He came to forgive sins. The angel told both Mary and Joseph that the child should be named “Jesus.” He received this name “because He will save His people from their sins” (Mt 1:21). If He forgives your sins, He has succeeded. If He does not, He is a total failure in your life.

A Paralytic

On one occasion, Jesus forgave a paralyzed man his sins. However, some scribes did not believe He could do that. “Who but God alone can forgive sins?” they thought (MK 2:7)

To prove HE had the power, Jesus cured the paralytic, “Pick up your mat and go home.” The man walked away, totally cured. The people got the message.

Jesus could forgive sins, “We have never seen anything like this”. They glorified God.

After rising from the dead, Jesus came to the frightened apostles on Easter Sunday and gave them the power to forgive. “Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven. Whose sins you retain, are retained” (Jn 20:23).

His final Words

Before ascending into heaven, Jesus told his disciples to preach repentance for the remission of sins to all the nations. They obeyed His command. When the people asked Peter on Pentecost, “What are we to do?” he answered, “Repent, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins” (Acts 2:38)

The moment of death – Why you Need forgiveness

Your soul is like a computer, recording every thought, feeling, word, and deed. When you die, your soul will leave your body, come into Jesus’ presence and be filled with a divine light. In one moment, you will see all of your life recorded on your soul. In that light, you will see all the sins you committed and their gravity. However, if you allowed Jesus to forgive your sins, you will also see all the times that He has erased the sins by touch of his mercy. Why carry your sins into

Eternity, when Jesus wants to remove them while you are still on earth?

ST. LOUIS DE Montfort Writes:

1. God wants you to be holy like Jesus in this life and glorious like Him in the next.
2. No matter how many sins we have, we can go to God and ask for His forgiveness.
3. Being in God's presence scatters our sins.
4. Run, my soul, to the Lord Jesus because you have lingered long enough.
5. Jesus, it is pitiful to see how many Catholics are ignorant. They do not know you or Mary.
6. Original sin has spoiled us, corrupted us and puffed us up.
7. No one who has faithfully tried to imitate Mary has ever been lost.
8. Mary covers her children with her own merits and gains the Father's forgiveness.

Recite the daily prayers.

Day Thirty

Jesus brings god's mercy

God's compassion

A little verse of the bible is often overlooked. After Adam and Eve sinned and lost their privilege of the Garden of Eden, they needed clothes, so “The Lord God made leather garments for the man and his wife” (Gen 3:21). The always thoughtful God provided just what they needed.

Jesus showed the same compassion. When He was criticized for being compassionate to sinners, Jesus quoted Hosea, the Prophet, “It is mercy I desire, not sacrifice” (Mt 9:13 and 12:7).

ONE Condition

To receive His mercy, Jesus asks only that you act mercifully towards others. To emphasize this needed condition, He told the parable of the owner who forgave a gigantic debt of his servant. However, the servant

Refused to forgive someone who owed him a very small debt. On hearing this, the owner withdrew his mercy.

We are frail. We make mistakes. We even fall back into the same sins. We all need mercy. What can we do? Show mercy to everyone and seek God's mercy. Jesus promised, "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall see God."

Divine mercy – St. Faustina (1905 - 1938)

For many years, Jesus appeared to St. Faustina and commissioned her as his Secretary of Mercy." He said "Speak to the world about my great and unfathomable mercy." She often saw Jesus who asked her to make a portrait so everyone could see His heart with two rays, red and white, coming forth. These represent Baptism and Eucharist.

Jesus said to Faustina, "I perform works of mercy in every soul. The greater the sinner, the greater right he has to my mercy," and Let the greatest sinners trust in me. I cannot punish even the greatest sinner if he appeals to my compassion." Reading Faustina's diary shows you that we must see everything in the light of God's mercy.

St. Louis DE Montfort Writes:

1. Earth cannot make us happy. This stormy sea has no perfect clam.
2. Continue to say the Hail Mary until she places you in heaven glory.
3. Let no one presume God's mercy, who offends God's Mother.
4. Entrust everything to Mary. Her womb is the abode of holy souls and the place of the greatest saints.
5. Why Jesus is loved so little? Because His mercy is too unknown.
6. Within Mary, God's infinite mercy was released in full flood.

Recite the daily prayers.

Day Thirty ONE

Jesus Persevered TO The Cross

The world despises death because it ends earthly existence. However, everyone must surrender to death's power. At some point, the body, despite medical science, will simply not live on. The music stops. The merry-go-round is over. Everybody must get off.

For Jesus and His followers, death is a very special moment, the goal of the Christian life. Death is the finish line. The difficult race is over. The victory won. Eternal life begins. Jesus persevered until death and He wants you to do the same.

The confused Apostles

While Jesus was attracting the multitudes and working miracles, the apostles misunderstood everything. Constantly, Jesus said, "The Son of Man must be crucified and rise on the third Day" (Mt 16:21). The apostles were caught up in the excitement of the crowds and could not grasp his words. Finally, Jesus went to Jerusalem, even though He knew He would die

There. “It is impossible that a prophet should die outside of Jerusalem” (Lk 13:33).

Jesus preserved to His death on the cross and told His disciples, “The one who preserves to the end will be saved” (Mk 13:13)

Your Own Perseverance

When you were baptized, Jesus gave you the Holy Spirit. That Spirit makes you God’s child and an heir to heaven by giving you the state of grace, The Holy Spirit’s presence within you.

He remains in you unless you commit a serious sin, a mortal sin that kills your divine life. However, the power of your Baptism is so strong that you can easily be restored to grace. You tell God you are sorry. You also go to confession and receive absolution. Grace is restored, hopefully forever.

The road to heaven is difficult. Persevering to the end is not easy. Fortunately, Jesus has given you the Holy Spirit. During your final Day of preparation, you will focus on Jesus’ gift of the Holy Spirit.

St. Louis DE Montfort Writes:

1. You pass through earth like a visitor. Heaven is your homeland.
2. The one who does not act like a stranger in this world, will not rejoice like a citizen in heaven.

3. If you faithfully say Rosary until death, I assure you that “You shall receive a crown of unfading glory” (1Pt 3:4)
4. If you are in a state of sin, say Hail to Mary, the sinless one, and Mary will deliver you from sin.
5. If you have lost the state of grace, say to Mary, “You are full of grace.”
6. No one who says the Rosary every Day will be led astray by the devil. I sign this statement in my blood.
7. If your conscience is burdened by sin, say your Rosary.
8. The Mother of Jesus is all-powerful and can save her servants from hell.
9. Not a single soul who has persevered in Mary’s service has ever been damned.
10. To say the Rosary effectively, the person must be in the state of grace or at least determined to regain that state.

Recite the daily prayers.

Day Thirty Two

Jesus Promises **y**ou a glorified body

Three times the gospels record Jesus raising someone from the dead---the daughter of Jabirus, the son of the widow, and Lazarus, the brother of Martha and Mary. Jesus brought them back to mortal life. At some point, they all had to die again.

When Jesus rose from the dead he enjoyed a glorified body, which will never suffer or die again. In this glorified body, He appeared to the disciples many times after Easter. Why is Jesus' resurrection so important? Because your body can also be glorified by the power of the resurrection. This is so important that St. Paul writes, "I want only to know Christ and the power of his resurrection" (Phil. 3:10).

How can your body be glorified? At your Baptism, Jesus gave you the Holy Spirit. St Paul writes that this Spirit raised Jesus from the dead and if the Spirit dwells in you at the moment of your death, He will give life to your mortal bodies also" (Rom 8:11).

The Holy Spirit

Before ascending into heaven, Jesus told the apostles to wait in Jerusalem “for the Spirit to come upon you,” On Pentecost Day, as the disciples gathered with Mary, the tongues of fire came upon each one and “all were filled with the Holy Spirit” (Acts 2:4). For the rest of their lives, these disciples told the world that Jesus had died for their sins, and that He rose in a glorified body. They promised that the Spirit of Jesus would give everyone a glorified body. They only needed to believe in Jesus, be baptized, and persevere to the end.

God’s Signs – uncorrupt Saints

God’s promise are true. He often gives signs that help our faith. In the Catholic Church, the bodies of over 200 canonized saints are still uncorrupt. Many of them are famous like Francis Xavier, Bernadette of Lourdes, and Catherine Lamoure. The body of Blessed Pope Pius IX is also uncorrupt.

The glorified body Of Mary– The Assumption

When He has to chastise us, God waits patiently. He gives us plenty of time to repent. However, God doesn’t like to wait to give favors. He couldn’t wait until the end of time to start glorifying our bodies, So, as soon as He could, He glorified Mary’s body by her Assumption, In a single moment, as her life on her

Ended, her mortal body became a glorified body. What Jesus did for Mary, He wants to do for us.

What a way to end your 33 Days of preparation, just think. Be faithful to Mary by True Devotion and your body will also be glorified in heaven! That is Mary's task. Jesus made her Mother of the Church.

St. Louis DE Montfort Writes:

1. The tender hearted Jesus offered Himself for us to appease God's Justice and to rescue us from the devil's slavery.
2. The Spirit produces all the elect souls in Mary. Their real birthDay is when Mary gives them birth in eternal life.
3. At your death, the devil will work to ensnare you. Death will decide once and for all heaven or hell.
4. When the Holy Spirit finds Mary in a soul, He enters and fills that soul.
5. We can only be saved in Jesus' name.
6. Until we became slaves of Jesus at Baptism, we belonged to the devil.
7. We must remain slaves of Jesus so we don't again become the devils.
8. All the graces of the Holy Spirit are given by Mary's hand.

9. An unmistakable sign of being led by the Holy Spirit is to think and speak often of Mary.
10. Whoever wants the Holy Spirit must have Mary. She is His spouse.

Recite the daily prayers.

Day Thirty Three

Dear Special Soul

With each passing Day, as you remained faithful to this preparation, you became more and more special to Mary. Now, you stand on the brink of a very powerful decision. Do not put this off. All the angels and saints await that moment.

Mary invites you to consecrate yourself to her according to the practices of True Devotion as described by St. Louis de Monforte.

To do this fully, you should:

1. Go to confession.
2. Make your consecration on a feast Day of Our Lady.
3. After receiving Holy Communion, say the prayer of consecration, which you have written out.
4. Sign and date the prayer. It is an important document.

5. Have someone very close to you who will also sign it as a witness.
6. Keep in a safe place. Read it often. Each year, renew your consecration on the same feast Day.
7. Have a copy of *True Devotion* to read each Day to refresh your mind.

Prayer Of Consecration

To Jesus through Mary

O Eternal and incarnate Wisdom! O sweetest and most adorable Jesus! True God and true man, only Son of the Eternal Father, and of Mary, always virgin! I adore Thee profoundly in the bosom and splendors of Thy Father during eternity; and I adore Thee also in the virginal bosom of Mary, Thy most worthy Mother, in the time of Thine incarnation.

I give Thee thanks for that Thou hast annihilated thyself, taking the form of a slave in order to rescue me from the cruel slavery of the devil. I praise and glorify Thee for that Thou hast been pleased to submit thyself to Mary, Thy holy Mother, in all things, in order to make me Thy faithful slave through her. But, alas! Ungrateful and faithless as I have been, I have not kept the promises which I made so solemnly to

Thee in my Baptism; I have not fulfilled my obligations; I do not deserve to be called Thy child, nor yet Thy slave; and as there is nothing in which does not come by myself before Thy most holy and august Majesty. It is on this account that I have recourse to the intercession of Thy most holy Mother, whom Thou hast given me for a mediatory with Thee. It is through her that I hope to obtain of Thee contrition, the pardon of my sins, and the acquisition and preservation of wisdom.

Hail, then, O immaculate Mary, living tabernacle of the Divinity, where the Eternal Wisdom willed to be hidden and to be adored by angels and by men! Hail, O queen of Heaven and earth, to whose empire everything is subject, which is under God. Hail, O sure refuge of sinners, whose mercy fails no one. Hear the desires, which I have of the Divine Wisdom; and for that end receive the vows and offerings which in my lowliness I present to thee.

I, N_____, a faithless sinner, renew and ratify toDay in thy hands the vows of my Baptism; I renounce forever Satan, his pumps and works; and I give myself entirely to Jesus Christ, the Incarnate Wisdom, to

Carry my cross after Him all the Days of my life, and to be more faithful to Him than I have ever been before. In the presence of all the heavenly court I choose thee this Day for my Mother and Mistress, I deliver and consecrate to thee, as thy slave, my body and soul, mud goods, both interior and exterior, and even the value of all my good actions, past, present and future; leaving to thee the entire and full right of disposing of me, and all that belongs to me, without exception, according to thy good pleasure, for the greater glory of God in time and in eternity.

Receive, O benignant Virgin, this little offering of my slavery, in honor of, and in union with, that subjection which the Eternal Wisdom deigned to have to thy maternity; in homage of the power which both of you have over this poor sinner, and in thanksgiving for the privileges with which the Holy Trinity has favored thee. I declare that I wish henceforth, as thy true slave, to seek thy honor and to obey thee in all things.

O admirable Mother, present me to thy dear Son as His eternal slave, so that as HE has redeemed me by thee, by thee He may

Receive me! O Mother of mercy, grant me the grace to obtain the true Wisdom of God; and for that end receive me among those whom thou loves and teaches, whom thou leanest, nourishes and protects as thy children and thy slaves.

O faithful Virgin, make me in all things so perfect a disciple, imitator and slave of the Incarnate Wisdom, Jesus Christ thy Son that I may attain, by thine intercession and by thine example, to the fullness of His age on earth and of His age on earth and of His glory in Heaven.

Amen.

Sign your name here.

Date

Daily Prayers TO confirm The Special grace of the
Consecration

Come Creator Holy Spirit

Come Holy Spirit, Creator, come to me come
From Your bright Heavenly throne!
Come, take possession of my soul.
And make it all your own.
You who are called the Paraclete
Best gift of God above,
The living Spirit,
The living fire,
Sweet unction and true love!
You who are sevenfold in your grace,
Finger of God's right hand,
His promise, teaching little ones to
speak and understand!
O guide our minds with your blessed light,
with love our hearts enflame,
And with Your strength, which never delays,
Confirm our mortal frame.
Far from us drive our hellish foe,
True peace unto us bring,

And through all perils guide us safely,
Beneath Your Sacred Wing.

Through You may we the Father Know,
Through You the eternal Son,
And You the Spirit of them both,
Three blessed three in one.

All glory to the Father be
And to the risen Son the same to you,
O Paraclete, while endless ages run.

Amen

O, Mary!

O, Mary conceived without sin,
Pray for us who have recourse to thee. Please
spread the grace of the Flame of Love Over
all humanity!

Amen

Transformation into Christ

It is No Longer I Who Live but Christ
Who Lives In me.

O, my Jesus

May our feet journey together.

May our hands gather in unity.

May our hearts beat to the same rhythm,

May our soul be in harmony,

May our thoughts be in unison,

May our ears listen to the silence together

May our glances melt in one another

And may our lips beg our Heavenly Father together
to obtain mercy on Souls.

Amen.

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